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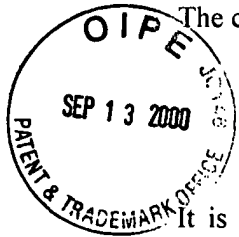
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RESPONSE TO AUGUST 14, 2000 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. APPLICATION 09/212,107

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Sir:

In response to the communication dated August 14, 2000 in the above-identified patent application, wherein an election of species has been required for the previously elected Group V claims 21-29 and 34-49, applicants hereby elect species (c).



The claims readable on such elected species (c) are claims 21, 26, 27.

It is noted that Examiner Ngoc-Yen Nguyen has assessed the same claims 26 and 27 in the corresponding International Patent Application PCT/US99/29910, and that such claims 26 and 27 were free of the prior art in the Examiner's April 4, 2000 International Search Report in such PCT application.

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